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Applicant	:	SUNDAR, Rangarajan		
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Title	:	STENT WITH IMPROVED SURFACE ADHESION		

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DECLARATION OF RANGARAJAN SUNDAR
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131 and 1.132

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Dear Sir:

I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon. All statements contained herein made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

1. I, RANGARAJAN SUNDAR, am a former employee of Medtronic Vascular, Inc., where I worked and performed research relating to the above named application since prior to February 15, 2002.

2. I am the inventor named in, and am the inventor of the subject matter sought to be patented under, United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/829,511, filed April 22, 2004, which claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/464,440, filed April 22, 2003.

3. The attached Exhibit A is a copy of documents illustrating a date of conception of the present invention prior to at least February 15, 2002.

4. Prior to the filing date of the provisional patent application, I worked diligently with patent attorneys to prepare for the filing of a provisional patent application that was filed with the USPTO on April 22, 2003, and subsequently assigned Application Serial No. 60/464,440.

5. The above paragraphs illustrate prior conception and reasonable due diligence during at least the time between February 15, 2002, and the April 22, 2003, filing date of Application Serial No. 60/464,440.

Rangarajan Sundar

RANGARAJAN SUNDAR (signed)

September 22, 2008

Date

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